

## CAN EARLY INTERVENTION AFFECT LONG-TERM OUTCOMES IN SCHIZOPHRENIA?

### STATEMENT OF NEED

The long-term outcome of schizophrenia is widely variable. Clinical research suggests that schizophrenia and related psychotic disorders are more responsive to medication in the early stages than they are if treatment is delayed. There are also emerging data that tell us about how and why patients continue or discontinue their medication once it is initiated. Does successful treatment in the early stages of illness contribute to and improve the long-term course and functional outcome of the disease? The psychLINK experts will explore the available data regarding early treatment intervention and the impact it may have on improved cognitive functioning and treatment outcomes.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this activity, the participant should be able to:

- Examine the impact of early treatment on symptomatic, neuroanatomical and cognitive function in patients with schizophrenia.
- Review what is known about persistence of treatment with antipsychotic medications once it has begun.
- Determine the role of atypical antipsychotics in improving short-term and long-term functional outcomes of schizophrenia.

### TARGET AUDIENCE

Physicians, Pharmacists and Nurses

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